

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 12-14, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 30 and 33 are pending in this application. Claims 8-10, 16-18, 27 and 29 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter. The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowability concerning claims 1, 2, 4-6, 12-14, 20, 22-23, 25-26, 28, 30 and 33.

Summary of the Interview

On May 1 and 4 of 2006, the Examiner H. Nguyen and S. Sahota (Reg. No. 47,051) had a telephonic interview. The Examiner stated that all the elected claims are allowable and suggested that the non-elected claim be cancelled in order to allow the patent application to issue.

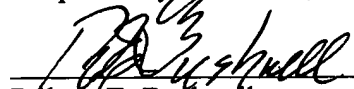
The non-elected claims 8-10, 16-18, 27 and 29 have been cancelled according to the suggestion of the Examiner, and without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter, to assist the Examiner and to expedite compact prosecution of this application.

Entry of the foregoing amendments to the claims is proper under 37 C.F.R. 1.116(b) because those amendments simply respond to the issues raised in the final rejection, no new issues are raised, no further search is required, and the foregoing amendments are believed to remove the basis of the outstanding rejections and to place all claims in condition for allowance. The foregoing amendments, and explanations, could not have been made earlier because they are merely responsive to issues newly raised in Paper No. 04292006.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all claims are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition to be passed to issue. If there are any questions, the examiner is asked to contact the applicant's attorney.

No fee is incurred by this Amendment. Should there be a deficiency in payment, or should other fees be incurred, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4943 of Applicant's undersigned attorney in the amount of such fees.

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